

REMARKS

The Examiners are thanked for the courtesy of the interview as reflected in the Interview Summary of August 6, 2003. Foregoing amendments were presented at the interview with the exception of the word "eccentric" which was added to both claims 1 and 11 during the discussion at the interview.

In light of the amendments to the claims, including the cancellation of claims 9, 10, 13 and 14, the objections to the drawings and specification are deemed moot. The objection to claim 1, line 8 has been addressed above.

Likewise, the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1, and the rejection of claims 1, 3, 7 and 9-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, are deemed either moot or fully addressed by the above amendments and cancellation.

The rejection of claims 1, 3, 7, 9 and 11-18 as being unpatentable over Eigenmann and the rejection of claim 10 as being unpatentable over Eigenmann in view of Kita, both under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are traversed. Reconsideration is requested on grounds that neither Eigenmann nor Kita teach or suggest in arrangement in which a single eccentric is used to drive toward more slides through their associated link systems. Although no agreement was reached at the interview as reflected in the Interview Summary, nevertheless the undersigned believes that it is fair to say that the Examiners agreed that the applied prior art did not teach that feature.

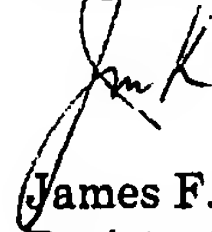
Accordingly, entry of the proposed amendment and favorable action on the claims in this case are earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #852/50752).

Respectfully submitted,

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